

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, reexamination and reconsideration of the above-identified application as amended are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-28 have been objected to because of the informality that the phrase "acid(s)" should be "acid (g)." The claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Support for the amendment may be found at page 10, lines 23-28. This objection should thus be withdrawn.

Claims 1-28 have also been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. According to the Examiner, there is no antecedent basis for the phrase "the original hops." The claims have been amended to recite "the extracted hops." Antecedent basis for this recitation is found in the claims since part (1) of the claims recite that the hops is extracted. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested and believed to be in order.

Claims 3-6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Laws et al. To expedite prosecution of this application, claims 3-6 have been deleted without prejudice or disclaimer.

In view of the above, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Such action is believed to be in order.

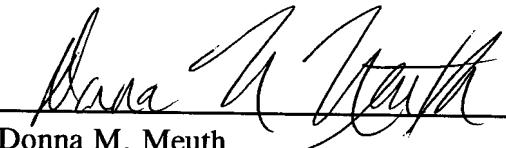
In the event that there are any questions relating to this amendment, or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the

Application No. 08/693,499
Attorney's Docket No. 001560-223

undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

BURNS, DOANE, SWECKER & MATHIS, L.L.P.

By: 

Donna M. Meuth
Registration No. 36,607

P.O. Box 1404
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404
(703) 836-6620

Date: January 11, 1999